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GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 98.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
289 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, March 12, 1864.

The President of the United States orders as follows:

I..Major General H. W. HALLECK is, at his own request, relieved from duty as General-in-Chief of the Army, and Lieutenant General U. S. GRANT is assigned to the command of the Armies of the United States. The Headquarters of the Army will be in Washington, and also with Lieutenant General GRANT, in the field.

II..Major General H. W. HALLECK is assigned to duty in Washington, as Chief of Staff of the Army, under the direction of the Secretary of War and the Lieutenant General Commanding. His orders will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III..Major General W. T. SHERMAN is assigned to the command of the Military Division of the Mississippi, composed of the Departments of the Ohio, the Cumberland, the Tennessee, and the Arkansas.

IV..Major General J. B. MCPHERSON is assigned to the command of the Department and Army of the Tennessee.

V..In relieving Major General HALLECK from duty as General-in-Chief, the President desires to express his approbation and thanks for the able and zealous manner in which the arduous and responsible duties of that position have been performed.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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Assistant Adjutant General.